

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, February 08, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(56) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 31, 2005. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Leroy Beeby
Utility Division

(57) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of MCI Telecommunications Corporation filed revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2 - Docket No. N2005.1.12:

Commissioner Schneider moved to accept the revisions. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(58) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Qualifying Facility (QF) Avoided Cost (AC) – Docket No. D2003.7.86 and D2004.6.96:

Commissioner Schneider moved to redirect NorthWestern Energy to submit the non-proprietary information requested by Whitehall Wind in Data Request No. 11 and notify all parties in the case that Whitehall Wind has 7 business days to notify the PSC whether or not the non-proprietary information is sufficient. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(59) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy Gas USB – Docket

No. D2004.7.99 and D2004.12.192:

Commissioner Schneider moved to deny NorthWestern Energy's request for an interim rate decrease and \$150,000 be directed to Energy Share, pursuant to Energy Share's request for emergency assistance, subject to cash available in the segregated USB funds, and excess funds being accumulated for later allocation. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan
Legal Division

(60) In the matter of a Commission Investigation of Electricity Market Activity Affecting Retail Customers During the Period 2000 through 2001- Docket No. D2004.2.21:

Commissioner Schneider moved to schedule oral arguments in the Attorney General's Motion for Extension of Discovery, and that the arguments be presented the week of February 21, 2005. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson
Legal Division

(61) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Public Service Commission Administrative Rules – Docket No. L-97.06.4-RUL, L- 04.07.3-RUL, and L-04.07.8-RUL:

Commissioner Schneider moved to notice the proposed rule in L-04.07.8-RUL, Guarantee in Lieu of Deposit. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(62) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Budget/ Personnel- salary increase for Judy Scheier:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve a \$1.00 an hour salary increase for Judy Scheier. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, February 10, 2005, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Will Rosquist

(63) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NWE's Application for advanced approval of power purchase agreements:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant NorthWestern Energy's request for waiver of the protective order notice rule and to specifically notify the service list and the media that the Commission intends to take up consideration of the Motion for Protective Order on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Molnar voted no.

APPEARANCE

Marla Larson

(64) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of comments by the Organization of MISO States to the FERC concerning state access to confidential data.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to add to the appendix the information drafted by staff. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0.

Commissioner Schneider moved that Montana participate in the OMS comments to FERC on confidential information, and that Commissioner Jergeson be delegated to cast Montana votes on any amendments. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0.

(65) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of legislative matters:

Commissioner Schneider moved that the Commission's position be to support SB 321 amendments to exclude rural telecommunication carriers. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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